

## **Easterling, Deborah**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 9:16 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Duke Energy proposal to construct new substation and transmission lines

Dear Cokey Cory,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Purvis, Melissa  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 19, 2015 8:41 AM  
**To:** Easterling, Deborah; Duke, Daphne  
**Subject:** FW: Duke Energy proposal to construct new substation and transmission lines

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**From:** Cokey Cory [mailto:cokey.cory@ncsc.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 4:42 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Commissioner.Hall  
**Subject:** Duke Energy proposal to construct new substation and transmission lines

Dear Commissioner Hall:

I am writing in opposition to Duke Energy's proposal to construct a new substation in Campobello, SC together with 40 miles of new transmission lines that will run through the Blue Ridge Mountains and the foothills of North and South Carolina. As I understand it, these lines will connect certain Duke Energy facilities in Asheville to such proposed Campobello substation. Experts in the field have offered alternatives to the substation.

I am particularly opposed to proposed routes 8A and 20. These routes, if chosen, would have an extremely negative impact on the Lake Summit community in Zirconia, North Carolina, its ecology and the value of the property that my family owns there.

The economic well-being of the Lake Summit area is without a doubt connected to its beautiful views, large open green spaces and other natural features, and no matter where the transmission line is routed there will be a severe negative impact to these features.

However, the proposed routes 8A and 20 would have a devastating impact on property values at and around Lake Summit itself. Clearly, such a major transmission line would be debilitating to the marketability and value of many Lake properties that are currently very marketable and valuable.

Further, the clearing of the transmission line right of ways, the installation of the contemplated towers and power lines, and the ongoing maintenance of the lines and right of ways is likely to significantly alter an environmentally sensitive area. In short, the installation of this sort of major infrastructure would forever change the tranquility and beauty that is currently what is so appealing about Lake Summit.

I hope that you will encourage Duke Energy officials to adopt a plan for increased capacity that eliminates the need to construct a substation in Campobello; or, at the very least, to scrap the prospective power line routes of 8A and 20.

Of course, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have regarding my concerns, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Cokey S. Cory